



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2018

**Cultivating & Investing
in Great Childhoods**

National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed annually in April, helps spread the message that everyone can help prevent child abuse by investing in and cultivating great childhoods.

Activities and outreach inspire people to support child abuse prevention and make a positive impact on the future by preventing child abuse and neglect today.

Pinwheels were introduced by Prevent Child Abuse America in 2008 as the national symbol for child abuse prevention as part of the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. During April, Virginians display pinwheels as a visible reminder of the happy and healthy childhood that all children deserve. Please join us in displaying pinwheels to honor children and to motivate everyone to support great childhoods.

And on April 6, 2018, wearing blue demonstrates statewide support of great childhoods to help prevent child abuse and neglect. When we invest in healthy child development and great childhoods, we are also supporting community and economic development.

To order pinwheels and to access ideas for community activities and public education strategies to support Child Abuse Prevention Month in Virginia, visit us online at **FamiliesForwardVA.org**.



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Stronger Virginia Families
Two Generations at a Time